



CLEARVIEW

August 14, 2014

Via: Email, Originals sent by Mail

Mayor and Members of Council
Municipality of Grey Highlands
P.O. Box 409
206 Toronto Street South
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Dear Mayor Fitzgerald:

Re: Simcoe County Road 91 Closure

We are in receipt of your letter of July 24, 2014 and offer the following in response.

It is noted that the closing of Simcoe Road 91 and the upgrade of Sideroad 26/27 was outlined in the Road Use Agreement between the Corporation of the County of Grey, the Corporation of the Township of Clearview and Walker Aggregates Inc. which was signed in July, 2010. Although the Municipality of Grey Highlands ("Grey Highlands") chose not to become a party to the agreement, it was a participant in the discussions leading to this agreement.

Based on our understanding of the Development Permit application process with the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC), Grey Highlands may be circulated with the applications. (Grey Highlands may wish to confirm that with the NEC.)

Preliminary design was completed early in 2014 for the proposed upgrades to Sideroad 26/27 and the 10th Concession and an application for a Development Permit was also submitted to the Niagara Escarpment Commission early 2014. Minor revisions to the design continue to be made to mitigate the impact of the proposed work.

In response to the Municipality of Grey Highlands specific request, we offer the following:

- The proposed upgrades to Sideroad 26 & 27 are being designed in accordance with the geometric standards for secondary highways which are provided within the Geometric Design Standards for Ontario Highways as prepared by the Ministry of Transportation. This is the minimum standard used by the Township of Clearview for the reconstruction of Township of Clearview roads. It is also noted that these are the design standards typically used by most rural municipalities in the Province of Ontario.
- An application has been submitted to the Niagara Escarpment Commission and initial comments were received which requested additional work with respect to Environmental Impact Statements and Visual Impact Assessments. The Township and our consultants continue to work with the Niagara Escarpment Commission to clearly define the terms of reference for these studies and it is anticipated that these additional studies will be submitted in the near future.
- The closure of Simcoe County Road 91 will be contingent on the transfer of the road from the County of Simcoe to the Township of Clearview and the completion of the proposed upgrades to 26/27 Sideroad.
- Opportunities for the public to participate occurred some time ago through the statutory public meetings required under the Planning Act and Aggregate Resources Act, as well as opportunities provided by the Joint Board during the Joint Board Hearing relative to the Quarry application. The transportation issues were dealt with extensively during the Hearing and the Joint Board heard from a Grey Highlands, number of residents, and the Clearview Citizens Coalition. The Joint Board, in its Decision, clearly accepted the evidence supporting the proposed road works.

While the Township always welcomes the opportunity for dialogue between our two municipalities, the planning merits of the proposed road works has been determined and it is not the Township's intentions to alter the agreements in place supporting the proposed road works. If further dialogue is desired, Clearview Township is proposing that a meeting be convened during the week of August 18, 2014. The meeting would be held at the Simcoe County Administration Centre with representatives from Grey County, Simcoe County, Grey Highlands and Clearview Township being invited. If a meeting is agreed to please contact indicate your availability as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ken Ferguson', written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Ken Ferguson
Mayor, Township of Clearview

cc: Clearview Council

Cal Patterson, Simcoe County Warden

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Environment, County of Simcoe

